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TO AMEMBASSY BUENOS AIRES

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FOLLOWING MESSAGE SENT ACTION GENEVA FROM SECSTATE WASHDC DTD 18 NOV
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SUBJECT: REFUGEES FROM CHILE

REF: GENEVA 07850

1. CONSULTATIONS WITH CONGRESSIONAL COMMITTEES ON A PAROLE PROGRAM FOR CHILEAN DETAINEES AND CHILEAN REFUGEES IN PERU WERE WELL UNDERWAY BEFORE WE WERE MADE AWARE THAT A RE-SETTLEMENT PROGRAM WOULD BE NECESSARY FOR CHILEAN REFUGEES IN ARGENTINA. WE WERE ENCOUNTERING DIFFICULTIES IN OBTAINING CONGRESSIONAL CONCURRENCE ON OUR PROPOSED PROGRAM. THEREFORE, REFUGEES IN ARGENTINA WERE NOT INCLUDED.

2. TWO WEEKS AGO WE INFORMALLY SOUNDED OUT BOTH HOUSE AND SENATE JUDICIARY COMMITTEES ON POSSIBLE EXPANSION OF PAROLE PROGRAM TO INCLUDE REFUGEES IN ARGENTINA. RESPONSE WAS UNFAVORABLE. REFERENCE WAS MADE TO TERRORISTS AMONG THE GROUP AND TO
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RECENT EVENTS AT UNHCR IN BUENOS AIRES.

3. IN VIEW OF COMMITTEE ATTITUDES WE DO NOT BELIEVE IT
WOULD BE POSSIBLE TO OBTAIN CONGRESSIONAL ASSENT TO PAROLE
OF REFUGEES FROM ARGENTINA. WITHOUT THAT ASSENT WE DO NOT BELIEVE WE
CAN ASK THE ATTORNEY GENERAL TO EXERCISE HIS PAROLE AUTHORITY AND
IT IS UNLIKELY THAT HE WOULD BE WILLING TO DO SO
ON THEIR BEHALF.

4. YOU SHOULD SO INFORM UNHCR. WE ARE ALSO RESPONDING ALONG
SIMILAR LINES TO LETTER FROM UNHCR NEW YORK. KISSINGER UNQTE
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